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13 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

14 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL DISTRICT

15 CRISSIE CARNELL BIXLER; CEDRIC
16 BIXLER-ZAVALA; JANE DOE #1; MARIE
17 BOBETTE RIALES; and JANE DOE #2,

18 Plaintiffs,

19 v.

20 CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY
21 INTERNATIONAL; RELIGIOUS
22 TECHNOLOGY CENTER; CHURCH OF
23 SCIENTOLOGY CELEBRITY CENTRE
24 INTERNATIONAL; DAVID MISCAVIGE;
25 DANIEL MASTERSON; and DOES 1-25,

26 Defendants.

27 CASE NO. 19STCV29458

28 [Assigned to Hon. Steven J. Kleifield,
Dept. 57]

**OPPOSITION OF DEFENDANT
RELIGIOUS TECHNOLOGY CENTER
TO MOTION TO SERVE BY
PUBLICATION; DECLARATION OF
MATTHEW D. HINKS**

Date: October 5, 2020

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Dept.: 57

1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 Defendant Religious Technology Center (“RTC”) hereby opposes Plaintiff’s motion to serve
3 Defendant David Miscavige by publication.¹

4 As set forth below, the motion should be denied. Service by publication is permitted only as
5 a last resort. Fundamental principles of due process, and Code of Civil Procedure (“CCP”) § 415.50
6 mandate that service by publication is reserved for situations where no other means of service are
7 available because the defendant’s home and business addresses are unknown, defendant cannot be
8 found and substitute service cannot be effected. Where, as here, the Plaintiffs claim to know the
9 defendant’s home and business address, service by publication violates California law. The motion
10 should be denied on this basis alone.

11 Plaintiffs purport to justify the motion on the sole basis that its prior service attempts have
12 been unsuccessful. That is not sufficient grounds to permit service by publication. Plaintiffs have
13 not shown, as they must under CCP § 415.50(a), that Mr. Miscavige “cannot with reasonable
14 diligence be served in another manner” because there is little question that Plaintiffs have not been
15 diligent at all. In connection with the Court’s ruling on Mr. Miscavige’s motion to quash in March
16 2020, this Court held that Plaintiffs never served Mr. Miscavige with the original summons and
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19 ¹ Mr. Miscavige is the ecclesiastical leader of the Scientology religion and the Chairman of the
20 Board of RTC. RTC would be negatively impacted by an order allowing its Chairman to be served
21 by publication and therefore files this opposition to demonstrate to the Court the myriad reasons
22 why Plaintiffs are not entitled to an order of service by publication. RTC, rather than its Chairman,
23 opposes the motion to avoid the possibility that its Chairman will be deemed to have made a general
24 appearance by filing an opposition. Given Mr. Miscavige’s position with RTC, RTC is directly
25 impacted by the motion, has a beneficial interest as to its outcome and therefore has standing to
26 oppose this motion in its own right. *Teal v. Superior Court*, 60 Cal. 4th 595, 599 (2014) (standing
27 established where a party is beneficially interested in the controversy and has “some special interest
28 to be served or some particular right to be preserved or protected over and above the interest held in
common with the public at large”); cf. *Contractors’ State License Bd. v. Superior Court*, 23 Cal.
App. 5th 125, 131 (2018) (motion for protective order brought by board to prevent apex deposition
of its executive officer). Moreover, RTC has standing to assert the rights of its Chairman in these
circumstances. See *Yelp Inc. v. Superior Court*, 17 Cal. App. 5th 1, 7 (2017) (litigant has standing
to assert rights or interests of others where (1) the litigant has a concrete interest in the outcome of
the dispute; (2) the litigant has a close relationship to the third party; and (3) there is some hindrance
to the third party’s ability to protect his or her own interests).

1 complaint. At the conclusion of that hearing, Plaintiffs' counsel represented to the Court that he will
2 "get Mr. Miscavige served."² *But, in the subsequent six months, Plaintiffs took no steps to*
3 *effectuate service, either personally or through substitute service.*

4 Plaintiffs have failed to provide this Court with any reason to excuse them from the
5 fundamental due process requirement that they serve each defendant with the summons and
6 complaint. Nor have Plaintiffs established that they have complied with the requirements of CCP
7 § 415.50, which are strictly construed, that would justify an order permitting them to serve by
8 publication, including by establishing through competent evidence submitted pursuant to CCP
9 § 415.50(a)(1) that a cause of action exists against Mr. Miscavige. Their motion should therefore be
10 denied.

11 **II. STATEMENT OF FACTS**

12 **A. This Court Quashed Plaintiffs' False Proof of Service of the Original**
13 **Complaint—the Same Proof of Service on Which Plaintiffs Now Rely**

14 Plaintiffs filed their original Complaint on August 22, 2019. [Declaration of Robert
15 Thompson ("Thompson Decl."), ¶ 2.] On October 23, 2019, Plaintiffs filed an alleged proof of
16 service of the summons and complaint stating under penalty of perjury that Mr. Miscavige was
17 served on October 17. [Thompson Decl., Ex. A.] According to Plaintiffs' "proof of service," Mr.
18 Miscavige was served by substitute service on October 17, 2019 at 10:20 a.m. at 6331 Hollywood
19 Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90028. [*Id.*] The proof of service states that Robert Hall, a registered
20 process server, served the summons, complaint and other documents on "'John Doe' Security," a
21 male in his 60s. [*Id.*] The proof of service purports to bear Hall's signature stating "under penalty
22 of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct." [*Id.*]

23 Hall's purported substitute service of Mr. Miscavige on October 17, 2019 was a fabrication.
24 As demonstrated in a declaration submitted to this Court in support of Defendants' motions to quash,
25 Lewis Miranda is the lobby receptionist for the building at 6331 Hollywood Boulevard in Los
26 Angeles. [*See* Hinks Decl., Ex. B (Declaration of Lewis Miranda ("Miranda Decl."), ¶ 2.)] Mr.
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28 ² See Declaration of Matthew D. Hinks ("Hinks Decl."), Exh. A, at 7:7-8.

1 Miranda's sworn declaration, and the security video archive recordings maintained by Defendants,
2 show that Hall never approached or entered the building at 6331 Hollywood Blvd. on October 17.
3 [Miranda Decl., ¶ 2 (no process server came into the building on that date; no process server (or
4 anyone else) said that he had documents for Mr. Miscavige; Hall never spoke to the receptionist on
5 that date; and Hall never delivered any documents to anyone else at 6331 Hollywood Blvd. on that
6 date).]

7 This Court granted Mr. Miscavige's motion, quashing the purported service. [See Thompson
8 Decl., Ex. I (March 11, 2020 Tentative Ruling) at 4-5.] Specifically, the Court ruled:

9 The weight of the evidence cuts against Plaintiffs. The presumption of service is
10 outweighed by the declarations of Lynn Farney, Warren McShane and Lewis
11 Miranda. The motion to quash is GRANTED as to Miscavige. This is not a
12 determination that the proofs of service were "fraudulent" — service was not
accomplished, so Defendant Miscavige has not been properly brought into the
action. ... The motion to quash as to Miscavige is granted.

13 [Thompson Decl., Ex. I (March 11, 2020 Tentative Ruling) at 4-5.] Plaintiffs now rely on this same
14 false proof of service of the original complaint as justification for their failure to attempt to serve
15 Mr. Miscavige with the operative pleading, the First Amended Complaint (the "FAC"). [See Motion
16 at 6:23-7:1; Thompson Decl., ¶¶ 2-3.]

17 Plaintiffs also claim that a Los Angeles County Sheriff attempted to serve Mr. Miscavige
18 with the original complaint once, on January 28, 2020, more than six weeks before the hearing on
19 Mr. Miscavige's motion to quash. [Thompson Decl., ¶ 10 & Ex. G (Jan. 28, 2020 Villasenor
20 Declaration of Due Diligence).] Plaintiffs never mentioned this service attempt in opposition to the
21 motion to quash, and failed to file the related proof of service until March 3, 2020, after they filed
22 the FAC.

23 **B. Plaintiffs Filed, But Never Attempted to Serve Mr. Miscavige With, the First**
24 **Amended Complaint**

25 On February 28, 2020, twelve days before this Court's March 11, 2020 Order quashing
26 Plaintiffs' purported service of the original complaint on Mr. Miscavige, Plaintiffs filed the FAC.
27 Plaintiffs provide no evidence of ever having attempted to serve Mr. Miscavige with the FAC.
28 Instead, Plaintiffs attach a letter from Mr. Miscavige's counsel dated April 1, 2020, in which counsel

1 declined to sign a notice and acknowledgement of service at that time due to issues surrounding the
2 burgeoning pandemic. [Thompson Decl., Exh. J.] Plaintiffs then apparently did nothing more for 6
3 months. On August 31, 2020, Plaintiffs' counsel paid \$26.89³ for a report from a website called
4 BeenVerified.com, which, according to its disclaimer, is a database of public-available information
5 as to which BeenVerified does not represent or warrant its accuracy. [Thompson Decl., Exh. J.]
6 There is no indication that Plaintiffs did anything with the information received from
7 BeenVerified.com except attach it to Mr. Thompson's declaration when he filed it 4 days later.

8 **III. ARGUMENT**

9 **A. Service by Publication Is Allowed Only as a Last Resort After a Party Has**
10 **Exhausted All Other Means of Service**

11 Due process requires that service by publication be permitted only as a last resort when no
12 other means of service (including substitute service) are available because the defendant cannot be
13 found and both his home and business addresses are unknown. *See Calvert v. Al Binali*, 29 Cal. App.
14 5th 954, 963 (2018) (“Consistent with the notions of fair play and due process, substituted service
15 by publication is a ‘last resort’ when ‘reasonable diligence to locate a person in order to give him
16 notice before resorting to the fictional notice afforded by publication’ has been exercised.”) (citing
17 *Donel, Inc. v. Badalian*, 87 Cal. App. 3d 327, 332 (1978)); *see also Watts v. Crawford*, 10 Cal. 4th
18 743, 749 n.5 (1995) (holding “constitutional principles of due process of law, as well as the
19 authorizing statute, require that service by publication be utilized only as a last resort”); *Kott v.*
20 *Superior Court*, 45 Cal. App. 4th 1126, 1137 (1996) (“[W]hen notice is a person’s due, process
21 which is a mere gesture is not due process.”) (quoting *Mullane v. Central Hanover Bank & Trust*
22 *Co.*, 339 U.S. 306, 315 (1950)).

23 Plaintiffs do not meet this high standard. Indeed, they repeatedly assert that they know both
24 Mr. Miscavige’s home and business address. [*See, e.g.*, Motion at 3:23-24, 4:4-5, 6:23-25.] This
25 alone is reason enough to deny the Motion.

26 Instead, Plaintiffs invent an entirely new standard and argue that service by publication is

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fcra=true#](https://www.beenverified.com/lp/32fc4f/5/subscribe?hide-fcra=true#).

1 permitted merely if their purported attempts at service fail. This is not the law. Plaintiffs offer no
2 support for their assertion, nor do they explain their failure to employ the other forms of service
3 required by CCP § 415.50 (such as substitute service).

4 But even if Plaintiffs' novel standard were sufficient to permit service by publication, and it
5 is not, Plaintiffs have not met, and cannot meet, their own standard. Despite claiming an inability to
6 serve Mr. Miscavige using "reasonable and diligent" efforts, [see Motion at 2:10-12, 3:8-9, 7:10],
7 Plaintiffs admit that in the six months since they filed the FAC, they have never attempted to serve
8 Mr. Miscavige, either personally or through substitute service. Plaintiffs' assertions that Mr.
9 Miscavige "is intentionally avoiding service" and "continues to evade service," is flat out untrue
10 and unsupported by any facts.

11 **B. Plaintiffs Have Not Met the Exacting Standard for Service by Publication**

12 CCP § 415.50(a) provides that:

13 A summons may be served by publication if upon affidavit it appears to the
14 satisfaction of the court in which the action is pending that the party to be served
15 cannot with reasonable diligence be served in another manner specified in this article
and that either:

16 (1) A cause of action exists against the party upon whom service is to be made or he
or she is a necessary or proper party to the action.

17 (2) The party to be served has or claims an interest in real or personal property in this
state that is subject to the jurisdiction of the court or the relief demanded in the action
18 consists wholly or in part in excluding the party from any interest in the property.

19 CCP § 415.50(a). CCP § 415.50(a)(2) does not apply here. Accordingly, to obtain an order
20 permitting them to serve by publication, Plaintiffs must establish that (1) Mr. Miscavige "cannot
21 with reasonable diligence be served in another manner specified in this article"; and (2) "a cause of
22 action exists against" him or he "is a necessary or proper party to the action". Section 415.50 is
23 "strictly construed;" for "[i]f there is any situation in which strict compliance can reasonably be
24 required, it is that of service by publication." *Calvert*, 29 Cal. App. 5th at 963 (citations omitted).
25 Service by publication is permitted only "where a defendant's whereabouts and his dwelling house
26 or usual place of abode, etc., cannot be ascertained with reasonable diligence, and where no person
27 who may be served on his behalf can be located with reasonable diligence." See Judicial Council

1 Comments to Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 415.50 (West).⁴

2 “Consistent with the notions of fair play and due process, substituted service by publication
3 is a ‘last resort’ when ‘reasonable diligence to locate a person in order to give him notice before
4 resorting to the fictional notice afforded by publication’ has been exercised.” *Calvert*, 29 Cal. App.
5 5th at 963 (citation omitted). Thus, service by publication, an extraordinary procedure, cannot be
6 used simply because personal or substitute service is inconvenient.

7 “If a defendant’s address is ascertainable, a method of service superior to publication **must**
8 be employed, because constitutional principles of due process of law, as well as the authorizing
9 statute, require that service by publication be utilized only as a last resort.” *Watts*, 10 Cal. 4th at 749
10 n.5 (emphasis added); *see also Bd. of Trustees of Leland Stanford Junior Univ. v. Ham*, 216 Cal.
11 App. 4th 330, 338 (2013) (citing *Watts*, 10 Cal. 4th at 749 n.5); *Ewing v. Pollard*, 2019 WL 4736201.
12 at *2 (S.D. Cal. Sept. 27, 2019) (applying California law and denying request to serve by publication
13 because the plaintiff did not claim not to know the defendant’s address); Judicial Council Comments
14 to Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 415.50 (West) (“If a defendant’s address is known before an order is made
15 for publication, service must be effectuated by another method of service specified in this article.”).

16 Here, Plaintiffs do not claim that Mr. Miscavige’s address is “unascertainable.” To the
17 contrary, Plaintiffs repeatedly assert that Mr. Miscavige both resides and works at 6331 Hollywood
18 Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90028. [See Motion at 3:23-24, 4:4-5, 6:23-25, Thompson
19 Decl., ¶ 15 & Ex. K (BeenVerified Search Results).] Thus, Section 415.50 and fundamental notions
20 of due process require that Plaintiffs attempt service of the FAC there.

21 Plaintiffs’ counsel represented to the Court at the March 11, 2020 hearing on the Motion to
22 Quash that they would “get Miscavige served.” [Hinks Decl., Exh. A at 7:7-8.] Plaintiffs have not
23 even tried. [Thompson Decl., ¶¶ 11-15 (demonstrating no efforts to serve Mr. Miscavige personally
24 or by substitute service since the FAC was filed on February 28, 2020).] Plaintiffs’ past failure

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27 ⁴ Judicial Council commentary provides persuasive authority as to the interpretation of a statute.
28 *See Gibble v. Car-Lene Research, Inc.*, 67 Cal. App. 4th 295, 304 n.7 (1998) (finding error where trial court discounted Judicial Council commentary because while such commentary is not binding authority, “California courts often look to such commentary for guidance . . .”).

1 (once) to serve Mr. Miscavige does not mean that service cannot be accomplished, nor does it excuse
2 Plaintiffs from serving Mr. Miscavige through a method authorized and required by CCP § 415.50.

3 **C. Plaintiffs Have Not Met Their Own Fictional Standard**

4 Plaintiffs argue that they should be allowed to serve the FAC by publication because they
5 have made “repeated, reasonable and diligent efforts to effect personal and substituted service,” but
6 have been unsuccessful. [Motion at 7:10-11.] The evidence proves otherwise.

7 As detailed above, Plaintiffs have failed to demonstrate any such efforts. But, in any event,
8 service by publication is not proper where the plaintiffs know the defendants’ address. Thus, even
9 if Plaintiffs’ newly-minted “effort” standard applied—it does not—Plaintiffs have not met it. Nor
10 have they established that Mr. Miscavige cannot reasonably be served through any of the methods
11 required by California law, such as by substituted service. Plaintiffs’ complete failure to attempt
12 service of the FAC over the past six months is fatal to this Motion, even under Plaintiffs’ incorrect
13 standard, as it alone demonstrates Plaintiffs’ lack of diligence.

14 Plaintiffs rely again on Robert Hall’s alleged attempts to serve Mr. Miscavige with the
15 *original complaint* at 6331 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90028 on October 7,
16 2019, October 10, 2019, October 15, 2019, and October 17, 2019. But, this Court already held that
17 this purported service did not occur.⁵ [See Thompson Decl., Ex. I (March 11, 2020 Tentative Ruling)
18 at 4-5 (the Court: “the weight of the evidence”—including security video images of the dates and
19 times of the purported service attempts along with declarations from the lobby receptionist present
20 at the time--“cut against Plaintiffs” such that this alleged “service was not accomplished”).]

21 Moreover, the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department’s one unsuccessful attempt to effect
22 service of the original complaint on Mr. Miscavige at the 6331 Hollywood Blvd. address does not
23 demonstrate that Mr. Miscavige cannot be served with the FAC there. One attempt at personal
24 service (which is, at most, what Plaintiffs have demonstrated) is not “diligence,” *see Am. Express*
25 *Centurion Bank v. Zara*, 199 Cal. App. 4th 383, 389 (2011) (noting that, for substitute service, two
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27 ⁵ At the hearing on Mr. Miscavige’s Motion to Quash, Plaintiffs did not attempt to persuade the
28 Court of the validity of the service: The Court: “Is there any argument on the motions to quash?”
Mr. Thompson: “No, your honor. We’ll get Miscavige served.” [Hinks Decl., Ex. A at 7:5-8.]

1 or three attempts at personal service are required to show reasonable diligence), and, as detailed
2 *supra*, service by publication is never the remedy for an unsuccessful attempt at personal service.
3 *See Watts*, 10 Cal. 4th at 749 n.5 (1995); *Ewing*, 2019 WL 4736201. at *2.

4 Further, Plaintiffs' claim that they should be permitted to serve Mr. Miscavige by publication
5 because Mr. Miscavige declined to accept service through the notice and acknowledgement
6 procedure. This is both factually, and legally, incorrect. Mr. Miscavige's counsel offered to sign the
7 Notice and Acknowledgment of Receipt of the original complaint if Plaintiffs would withdraw the
8 fraudulent proof of service. [See Thompson Decl., Ex. B (Mr. Miscavige's counsel's December 19,
9 2019 letter: "When you withdraw the fraudulent Proofs of Service for Mr. Miscavige, we will sign
10 the Notices.").] Counsel for Plaintiffs and Mr. Miscavige were ultimately unable to reach a suitable
11 stipulation. [Thomson Decl., Exhs. C, D, E, J.]

12 Plaintiffs offer no authority for the proposition that a party's attorney must accept service of
13 a complaint. In fact, the law is exactly the opposite: a defendant is not required to accept service
14 through the notice and acknowledgment procedure, and a refusal to do so does not authorize service
15 by publication. *See Thierfeldt v. Marin Hosp. Dist.*, 35 Cal. App. 3d 186, 199 (1973) (if a defendant
16 fails to return the acknowledgment form, service is not effective); *Watts*, 10 Cal. 4th at 749 n.5 ("If
17 a defendant's address is ascertainable, a method of service superior to publication *must* be employed,
18 because constitutional principles of due process of law, as well as the authorizing statute, require
19 that service by publication be utilized only as a last resort.").

20 Plaintiffs have not established that Mr. Miscavige cannot be served personally or via
21 substitute service, as required by California statute and fundamental notions of constitutional due
22 process. Because Plaintiffs repeatedly claim to know Mr. Miscavige's address, California law
23 prohibits the extraordinary procedure of service by publication. The Motion should therefore be
24 denied.

25 **D. The Motion Should Also Be Denied Because Plaintiffs Have Failed to Establish**
26 **the Existence of a Viable Cause of Action Against Mr. Miscavige Under CCP**
27 **§ 415.50(a)(1)**

28 In addition to establishing reasonable diligence, to obtain an order allowing service by

1 publication, Plaintiffs must establish that, “[a] cause of action exists” against Mr. Micavige or that
2 he is “a necessary or proper party to the action”. CCP § 415.50(a)(1).

3 According to the court in *Harris v. Cavasso*, 68 Cal. App. 3d 723, 726–27 (1977) (internal
4 alterations and quotations omitted):

5 For the purpose of service by publication, the existence of a cause of action is a
6 jurisdictional fact. An affidavit in proper form is a jurisdictional basis of the order
7 for publication: There must be an affidavit containing a statement of some fact which
8 would be legal evidence, having some appreciable tendency to make the
jurisdictional fact appear, for the Judge to act upon before he has any jurisdiction to
make the order. Unless the affidavit contains some such evidence tending to establish
every material jurisdictional fact, the Judge has no legal authority to be satisfied, and,
if he makes the order, he acts without jurisdiction, and all proceedings based upon it
are void.

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11 Mr. Thompson’s declaration includes no facts that would satisfy this standard. Instead,
12 Plaintiffs apparently rely on the form application for publication, which contains a form “declaration
13 of merits,” which repeats, on information and belief, the statutory language:

14 I am informed and believe that Davis Miscavige is a necessary party to my complaint
15 or petition on file herein, or the complaint or petition correctly states a cause of action
against defendant/respondent and is incorporated by reference as though fully set out.

16 This is not sufficient. Pleading on information and belief does not satisfy CCP
17 § 415.50(a)(1). *Cavasso*, 68 Cal. App. 3d at 726 (verification of a complaint on information and
18 belief “is no substitute for the sworn statement of facts which section 415.50 requires of the affiant”);
19 *Sanford v. Smith*, 11 Cal. App. 3d 991, 999–1000 (1970) (pleading on information and belief “falls
20 far short of the laws’ requirement of ‘probative facts of the declarant’s own knowledge’”).
Moreover, the form declaration is conclusory and contains no supporting facts. While the form
21 declaration purports to incorporate the allegations of the complaint, that too is insufficient. *Cavasso*,
22 68 Cal. App. 3d at 726 (“The predecessor statute (former Code Civ.Proc., s 412) expressly allowed
23 the showing of a cause of action to be made *either* by separate affidavit or by the *verified* complaint
24 itself. In 1969, however, upon enactment of section 415.50, the latter alternative was omitted, and
25 the new section on its face permits such showing to be made only by affidavit. Upon such legislative
26 action there arises a presumption that a substantial change in the law was intended”).

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28 In short, to obtain an order permitting them to serve by publication, Plaintiffs were required

1 but failed to file an affidavit or declaration establishing the existence of a viable cause of action
2 against Mr. Miscavige through “probative facts” based on “the declarant's own knowledge”.
3 *Sanford*, 11 Cal. App. 3d at 999–1000. Plaintiffs have therefore failed to establish a “jurisdictional
4 basis” for the order they seek. *Cavasso*, 68 Cal. App. 3d at 726–27.

5 **IV. CONCLUSION**

6 For all of the foregoing reasons, Plaintiffs have failed to establish a right to serve Mr.
7 Miscavige by publication. Their motion must be denied.

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DECLARATION OF MATTHEW D. HINKS

I, Matthew D. Hinks, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney duly admitted to practice before this Court. I am a partner with Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP, attorneys of record for Defendant Religious Technology Center (“RTC”). I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein. If called as a witness, I could and would competently testify to the matters stated herein. I make this declaration in support of RTC’s Opposition to Motion to Serve by Publication.

2. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the transcript of the hearing on Defendants' motion to quash on March 11, 2020.

10 3. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the Declaration of Lewis
11 Miranda filed in support of Defendants' opposition to their motions to quash, which was filed with
12 this Court on November 18, 2019. Due to its length, the declaration is being filed without its exhibits.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 22nd day of September, 2020, at Los Angeles, California.

[Signature]

Matthew D. Hinks

EXHIBIT A

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27 DEFENDANT.
28 MR. RIFFER: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR.

1 JEFF RIFFER ESPECIALLY APPEARING FOR MR. DAVID
2 MISCAVIGE.

3 MR. FORMAN: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR.
4 BILL FORMAN FOR DEFENDANTS CHURCH OF
5 SCIENTOLOGY INTERNATIONAL AND CELEBRITY CENTRE
6 INTERNATIONAL.

7 MR. BRETTLER: AND GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR.
8 ANDREW BRETTLER FOR DANNY MASTERSON.

9 THE COURT: WELL, WE HAVE SEVERAL MATTERS ON
10 CALENDAR THIS MORNING. ALTHOUGH, THERE ARE NOT THAT
11 MANY ISSUES REALLY TO CONFRONT. WE HAVE SEVERAL MOTIONS
12 TO BE ADMITTED PRO HOC VICE IF -- IT'S SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL
13 TO HAVE SO MUCH CONTROVERSY ABOUT ADMITTING ATTORNEYS
14 PRO HOC. BUT I DID -- I DID ISSUE A TENTATIVE RULING.
15 AND THERE WERE PROCEDURAL ISSUES WITH THE MOTIONS.

16 MR. THOMPSON: YOUR HONOR, I SAW YOUR
17 TENTATIVE. I'LL HAVE SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATIONS FILED BY
18 MONDAY. IF YOU WANT TO HAVE A SECONDARY -- OR A SECOND
19 HEARING ON THE PRO HOC MOTIONS, WE DO HAVE ANOTHER
20 HEARING ON MARCH 27TH IN THIS MATTER ON DEFENDANTS'
21 MOTIONS TO COMPEL ARBITRATION. I REQUEST THAT THE
22 HEARING ON THE PRO HOCS BE CONTINUED TO THAT DATE.

23 MR. FORMAN: YOUR HONOR, THERE WILL BE NO
24 HEARING ON THE 27TH ON THE MOTIONS TO COMPEL
25 ARBITRATION. THERE'S BEEN AN AMENDED COMPLAINT THAT'S
26 BEEN FILED. WE'RE GOING TO BE FILING NEW PETITIONS TO
27 COMPEL ARBITRATION IN RESPONSE TO THE AMENDED COMPLAINT.

28 THE COURT: LET'S SEE WHEN -- THAT WAS FILED

1 FEBRUARY 28TH.

2 MR. FORMAN: CORRECT.

3 THE COURT: THE AMENDED --

4 MR. FORMAN: SO THAT TOOK THE DEMURRER OFF
5 CALENDAR. AND THERE WAS ALSO SOME DEFENDANTS ANSWERED
6 BY PETITIONS TO COMPEL ARBITRATION AND WE'LL BE FILING
7 NEW PETITIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE AMENDED COMPLAINT.

8 THE COURT: WELL, SO LET'S -- LET'S TAKE A LOOK
9 AT THOSE -- THOSE DATES NOW. SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT THIS
10 MOOTS THE DEMURRERS AND THE MOTIONS TO COMPEL
11 ARBITRATION?

12 MR. FORMAN: CORRECT, YOUR HONOR.

13 THE COURT: SO THOSE ARE SET FOR MARCH -- THE
14 DEMURRERS ARE SET FOR MARCH 20TH. THE MOTIONS TO COMPEL
15 ARBITRATION ARE SET FOR MARCH 27TH. SO THOSE SHOULD ALL
16 GO OFF CALENDAR.

17 MR. MANGELS: IT'S OUR VIEW, YES. I GUESS
18 SO --

19 MR. RIFFER: DOESN'T MATTER TO US.

20 THE COURT: WELL, I GUESS SO.

21 MR. THOMPSON: ONE OTHER POINT, YOUR HONOR, WE
22 FILED A NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL AS TO TWO OF THE PRO HOC
23 MOTIONS YESTERDAY AS TO --

24 THE COURT: I DIDN'T SEE THAT. I SEE THEM NOW.

25 MR. THOMPSON: AS TO LEO BUCHERO AND RICARDO
26 MARTINEZ, CID. THEY'RE NO LONGER PARTICIPATING IN THE
27 CASE. SO WE WITHDREW THOSE TWO PRO HOC MOTIONS.

28 THE COURT: SO BUCHERO, THAT'S THE ONE THAT WAS

1 GOING TO --

2 MR. THOMPSON: CORRECT.

3 THE COURT: -- THAT WAS GOING TO --

4 MR. FORMAN: THAT'S THE ONE YOU GRANTED.

5 THE COURT: THE ONE I GRANTED. WELL, I WON'T
6 GRANT IT. ALL RIGHT. THAT ONE IS WITHDRAWN. OKAY
7 THEN.

8 MR. THOMPSON: WELL, IN ANY EVENT, WE'LL HAVE
9 THE SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATIONS FILED BY MONDAY. IF YOU
10 WANT TO HAVE A SUPPLEMENTAL HEARING ON THAT, YOUR HONOR,
11 WE'RE HAPPY TO COME BACK DOWN AND DO THAT.

12 THE COURT: WELL, LET'S --

13 MR. THOMPSON: OR YOU CAN JUST RULE ON THE
14 PAPERS.

15 THE COURT: WELL, NO. I DON'T -- NO. I
16 SUPPOSE THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND
17 TO THE DECLARATIONS. SO WE'LL NEED TO CONTINUE THE
18 HEARING. BUT LET ME JUST LOOK AT DATES NOW. THOSE ARE
19 ALL THE FUTURE DATES I THINK THAT WE HAVE FOR THOSE --
20 THE DEMURRERS AND THE MOTIONS TO COMPEL. SO WHAT WE'LL
21 BE DOING IS, I THINK -- WELL, I GUESS WE'LL BE
22 CONTINUING THE CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE.

23 MR. RIFFER: CORRECT.

24 THE COURT: I THINK WE WILL BECAUSE I DON'T
25 KNOW IF IT WILL BE WORTH IT TO SET FOR TRIAL RIGHT NOW.

26 MR. RIFFER: NO ONE'S ANSWERED, YOUR HONOR.

27 THE COURT: NOBODY'S ANSWERED. WELL, THAT DOES
28 MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

1 MR. MANGELS: AND WE WILL BE FILING A MOTION TO
2 COMPEL ARBITRATION IN THE FUTURE.

3 THE COURT: LET ME ASK YOU THIS, THOUGH. THE
4 MOTIONS TO COMPEL ARBITRATION, WHO SHOULD BE HEARING A
5 DEMURRER IF THERE'S A MOTION TO COMPEL ARBITRATION? IN
6 OTHER WORDS, WHETHER A CAUSE OF ACTION IS STATED, IS
7 THAT SOMETHING UNDER YOUR ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS THAT
8 SHOULD BE DECIDED BY THE COURT OR BY THE ARBITRATOR?

9 MR. FORMAN: THE DEMURRER IS BEING BROUGHT
10 AGAINST THE ONE PLAINTIFF WHO DOES NOT HAVE AN
11 ARBITRATION AGREEMENT WITH US.

12 THE COURT: I SEE.

13 MR. FORMAN: ALL THE OTHER PLAINTIFFS, WE'RE
14 MOVING TO COMPEL ARBITRATION ON. SO IT'S JUST BOBETTE
15 RIALES WHO'S BEING -- WHOSE COMPLAINT IS BEING DEMURRED
16 TO.

17 THE COURT: OKAY. I GUESS THAT ANSWERS THAT.

18 MR. MANGELS: I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK FOR
19 MR. MASTERSON'S ATTORNEY, BUT HE HAD A DEMURRER TOO;
20 SO --

21 THE COURT: OH, SORRY.

22 MR. BRETTLER: WELL, THAT'S FINE. WE HAD
23 DEMURRERS AS TO ALL THE PLAINTIFFS.

24 THE COURT: OKAY. BUT THE FIRST AMENDED
25 COMPLAINT WAS AS TO ALL THE PLAINTIFFS?

26 MR. BRETTLER: CORRECT, YOUR HONOR. I WILL
27 SAY, HOWEVER, THAT I AM DISTURBED BY THE FACT THAT WE
28 HAD THE MEET AND CONFER WITH PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL IN

1 ADVANCE OF FILING THE DEMURRER, THEY BARELY PARTICIPATED
2 IN THE MEET AND CONFER. DID NOT SUBSTANTIVELY PROVIDE
3 ANY RESPONSES TO THE ISSUES WE RAISED. WE FILED OUR
4 DEM -- AND THEY TELL US THEY'RE NOT AMENDING THE
5 COMPLAINT. THEY'RE NOT MAKING ANY OF THE CHANGES WE'VE
6 REQUESTED.

7 WE FILED OUR DEMURRER AND THEN THEY FILED AN
8 AMENDED COMPLAINT TO MAKE US HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE SAME
9 EXERCISE AGAIN. I THINK IT'S SHARP PRACTICES. I THINK
10 IT'S IMPROPER. I KNOW THE CODE Allows FOR IT BUT THE
11 CODE ALSO HASN'T BEEN UPDATED SINCE THE MEET AND CONFER
12 STATUTE WAS ADDED. AND I WOULD JUST CAUTION THEM THAT
13 IF WE'RE GOING TO GO THROUGH THIS MEET AND CONFER
14 PROCESS AGAIN, AND THEY TRY TO PULL THE SAME STUNT, THAT
15 WE WILL BE MOVING FOR SANCTIONS.

16 MR. THOMPSON: YOUR HONOR, LET ME RESPOND TO
17 THAT BRIEFLY. WE DID PARTICIPATE BY PHONE IN A MEET AND
18 CONFER WITH COUNSEL. WE DID INFORM THE DEFENDANTS THAT
19 WE WERE GOING TO AMEND THE COMPLAINT. SO I'M NOT SURE
20 WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT.

21 THE COURT: OKAY. WELL, THANK YOU FOR THE
22 INFORMATION. I WILL EXPECT THAT THE MEET AND CONFER
23 REQUIREMENT WILL BE COMPLIED WITH. THAT THERE'S SOME
24 DISCUSSION OR CRITICISM OF THAT STATUTE IS NOT REALLY
25 HAVING MUCH OF THE WAY OF TEETH. BUT IT IS A
26 REQUIREMENT. DEFINITELY A REQUIREMENT AND I CAN'T -- I
27 CAN'T DENY OR OVERRULE A DEMURRER BASED ON FAILURE TO
28 MEET AND CONFER. SOMETIMES WHAT HAPPENS IS THEY RESULT

1 IN CONTINUANCES; SO -- AND IF THERE'S GOING TO BE
2 ANOTHER AMENDED COMPLAINT THAT HAS TO BE A LEAVE OF
3 COURT, OBVIOUSLY.

4 WELL, THEN I SUPPOSE -- WHAT ABOUT THE MOTIONS
5 TO QUASH, WE NEED TO HEAR THAT. IS THERE ANY ARGUMENT
6 ON THE MOTIONS TO QUASH?

7 MR. THOMPSON: NO, YOUR HONOR. WE'LL GET
8 MISCAVIGE SERVED.

9 MR. RIFFER: WE'LL SUBMIT ON THE TENTATIVE,
10 YOUR HONOR.

11 MR. FORMAN: YOUR HONOR, SPEAKING FOR CHURCH OF
12 SCIENTOLOGY INTERNATIONAL AND CELEBRITY CENTRE, WE
13 DON'T -- WE'RE FINE WITH THE SUBSTANCE OF THE COURT'S
14 RULING THAT THE MOTIONS ARE MOOT. BUT I DO THINK
15 THERE'S A BIGGER ISSUE HERE OF OUR REQUEST TO STRIKE THE
16 ORIGINAL PROOFS OF SERVICE FROM THE RECORD. WE CITED IN
17 OUR PAPERS THE CASE OF CAPITAL V. BARTLETT, WHICH SAYS,
18 QUOTE:

19 "CHAOS WOULD RESULT IF THE LEGAL COMMUNITY
20 COULD NOT DEPEND ON THE TRUTHFULNESS OF
21 DECLARATIONS OF SERVICE OF PROCESS. PUBLIC
22 POLICY REQUIRES THAT BE REGARDED AS SERIOUS
23 WITH CONSEQUENCES SUFFICIENTLY ADVERSE TO ACT
24 AS A DETERRENTS."

25 WE HAVE HERE PROOFS OF SERVICE FILED WITH THE
26 COURT THAT ARE FALSE. WE HAVE THEM SUBMITTED BY A
27 PROCESS SERVER WHO IS FOUND IN ANOTHER PROCEEDING TO NOT
28 BE CREDIBLE. WE HAVE VIDEO FOOTAGE FOR THE DAYS HE

1 SHOWED UP -- OR FOR THE DAYS HE CLAIMED THAT HE SHOWED
2 UP SHOWING THAT HE NEVER APPEARED. WE LOOKED AT ALL THE
3 VIDEO FOR THOSE DATES. NOT JUST THE TIMES HE SAID HE
4 WAS GOING TO SHOW UP AND HE WAS NOT THERE, EXCEPT ON ONE
5 DAY, OCTOBER 10TH.

6 IN ONE OF THE -- ON ONE OF THOSE DAYS, OCTOBER
7 7TH, HE SAID THAT OUR RECEPTIONIST WAS EVASIVE WITH HIM.
8 HE NEVER SHOWED UP ON OCTOBER 7TH. I THINK IT'S AN
9 INJUSTICE TO LET THOSE PROOFS OF SERVICE REMAIN ON
10 RECORD AND I WOULD ASK THAT THEY BE STRICKEN.

11 MR. MANGELS: YOUR HONOR, COULD I JUST ADD ON
12 BEHALF OF RTC. THEY DOUBLED DOWN ON THIS PROBLEM. WE
13 RAISED ALL THESE POINTS, THEY COME BACK AND SAY, "OH,
14 NO. WE DID EVERYTHING FINE." SO THEY COULD HAVE
15 WITHDRAWN THEM. THEY COULD HAVE TAKEN UP THE SUGGESTION
16 FROM COUNSEL TO WITHDRAW THEM, AVOIDED ALL OF THESE
17 MOTIONS. THEY CHOSE NOT TO. THEY DOUBLED DOWN. AND
18 THE EVIDENCE, I THINK, IS CLEAR THAT THESE PROOFS OF
19 SERVICE ARE FRAUDULENT. AND WE THINK AS FAR AS JUST THE
20 INTEGRITY OF THE COURT PROCESS, THIS IS BIGGER THAN JUST
21 THIS CASE. THERE IS AN INTEGRITY OF THE COURT PROCESS.
22 WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO RELY UPON THESE PROOFS OF SERVICE.

23 MR. THOMPSON: YOUR HONOR, WE BENT OVER
24 BACKWARDS TRYING TO WORK WITH THESE DEFENDANTS'
25 ATTORNEYS ON THE SERVICE ISSUES. WE MET AND CONFERRED
26 IN WRITING. THEY -- IN TRYING TO GET THESE MOTIONS
27 TAKEN OFF CALENDAR, WORK WITH THEM TO GET THE CASE AT
28 ISSUE, THEY'VE REFUSED. WE, AS PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEYS,

1 RELY ON PROCESS SERVERS, WHICH WE HIRED IN THIS CASE TO
2 EFFECT SERVICE. AND ACCORDING TO OUR PROCESS SERVERS,
3 THAT WAS DONE. THEY'RE DISPUTING THAT AND THAT'S THEIR
4 RIGHT. BUT I AM ABLE TO RELY ON THE PROCESS SERVER THAT
5 I HIRED WHO SIGNED THE DECLARATION AND SENT IT TO ME
6 THAT I SERVED THESE PEOPLE ON THE DATES THAT I SAID THAT
7 I DID. WHETHER THE VIDEO SHOWS WHAT IT SHOWS, I CAN'T
8 SPEAK TO THAT.

9 THE COURT: WHAT PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY
10 STRIKING THE PROOF OF SERVICE?

11 MR. FORMAN: SPEAKING FOR MY CLIENTS, I DON'T
12 WANT A PROOF OF SERVICE IN THE RECORD SAYING THAT WE
13 WERE SERVED. I DON'T WANT A PROOF OF SERVICE IN THE
14 RECORD SAYING WE WERE EVASIVE ON A DAY THAT THAT PROCESS
15 SERVER NEVER EVEN SHOWED UP. AND I THINK THE PURPOSE
16 THAT WOULD BE SERVED IS TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE
17 COURT.

18 THE COURT: WELL, THE -- ISN'T THE GRANTING OF
19 THE MOTION TO QUASH, DOESN'T THAT PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY
20 OF THE COURT?

21 MR. FORMAN: WELL, YOU GRANTED IT AS TO ONE
22 DEFENDANT, WHO'S NOT APPEARED YET. BUT AS TO US, IT
23 WAS, I SUPPOSE, DECLARED AS MOOT.

24 THE COURT: IT WAS MOOT.

25 MR. FORMAN: SO WE WOULD LIKE AN AFFIRMATIVE
26 RULING THAT THE PROOFS BE STRICKEN AS FRAUDULENT.

27 MR. MANGELS: YOUR HONOR, CAN I ADD? IT'S
28 ALSO, AGAIN, BEYOND THIS CASE. ONCE THEY PURPORTEDLY

1 SERVED US, THEY DID A MEDIA BLITZ. AND THIS CASE GETS A
2 LOT OF PUBLICITY THROUGH ANTI-SCIENTOLOGY GROUPS. THEY
3 DID A MEDIA BLITZ. THEY USED A SO-CALLED SERVICE FOR A
4 MEDIA BLITZ. THAT WAS IMPROPER PROCEDURE. EVEN THOUGH
5 THE FRAUDULENT SERVICE HAD OCCURRED, IT WAS FRAUDULENT.
6 IT WASN'T CORRECT.

7 SECONDLY, THEY SAID THEY PROVIDED ONE OF THEIR
8 PROCESS SERVERS, MR. HALL. MR. PINK -- GREAT NAME --
9 BUT MR. PINK WAS SUPPOSEDLY GUIDED, DID THE SERVICE, AND
10 PUT IT IN THE MAIL. THERE'S NO DECLARATION FROM
11 MR. PINK THAT IT HAPPENED. SO IT'S UNCONVERTED --
12 CONTROVERTED EVIDENCE THAT THEY WERE NEVER MAILED TO US.
13 SO THEY HAVEN'T CROSSED THEIR "T'S" AND DOTTED THEIR
14 "I'S" AND THEY'VE REALLY DONE IT IMPROPER.

15 THE COURT: WELL, LET ME JUST PUT IT THIS WAY.
16 THERE'S NO MOTION TO STRIKE BEFORE ME. I SUPPOSE THAT
17 IF THERE WAS A MOTION TO STRIKE, THEN PERHAPS OTHER
18 EVIDENCE WOULD BE SUBMITTED EITHER IN SUPPORT OR IN
19 OPPOSITION TO IT. I'M NOT ENCOURAGING A MOTION TO
20 STRIKE. I, AGAIN, DON'T REALLY SEE HOW THERE'S
21 PREJUDICE TO THE DEFENDANTS BY VIRTUE OF A PROOF OF
22 SERVICE, WHETHER IT'S FRAUDULENT AS YOU SAY OR NOT. I
23 CAN'T SAY THAT IT WAS FRAUDULENT. SO I DON'T THINK THAT
24 THE EVIDENCE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR ME TO DO WHAT
25 YOU'RE ASKING ME EVEN IF -- EVEN IF I WAS INCLINED TO DO
26 IT. ALL I KNOW IS THAT THERE WAS A PROOF OF SERVICE.
27 THERE WAS A MOTION TO QUASH, AND PLAINTIFF IS AMENDING
28 THE COMPLAINT AND WE'LL RE-SERVE IT. SO THAT REQUEST IS

1 DENIED.

2 MR. MANGELS: THANK YOU.

3 THE COURT: LET'S PICK A DATE THEN TO COME
4 BACK.

5 MR. MANGELS: FOR THE CMC?

6 THE COURT: FOR THE CMC.

7 MR. RIFFER: YOUR HONOR, AFTER ALL THE PAPERS
8 ARE GETTING FILED SINCE THERE'S GOING TO BE MORE MOTIONS
9 TO COMPEL ARBITRATION AND MORE DEMURRERS, IT MIGHT BE
10 MORE APPROPRIATE, AGAIN, NO ONE'S ANSWERED, TO PICK A
11 DATE ONE -- WHERE ONE OF THOSE HEARINGS WHICH HAVEN'T
12 BEEN SET YET. IT MAY BE MORE ADMINISTRATIVE RATHER THAN
13 DRAG ALL OF THESE LAWYERS JUST DOWN FOR A CMC
14 STANDALONE.

15 THE COURT: SURE.

16 MR. RIFFER: SO WE CAN PICK A DATE ONCE THESE
17 MOTIONS GET BRIEFED.

18 THE COURT: HAVE YOU -- HAS ANYBODY RESERVED
19 DATES YET FOR THOSE?

20 MR. MANGELS: NO, WE HAVEN'T.

21 MR. FORMAN: NO, YOUR HONOR.

22 THE COURT: OKAY. WHAT WE'LL DO IS WE'LL PUT
23 IT OUT SUFFICIENTLY FAR IN ADVANCE SO THAT YOU CAN --
24 WHEN YOU GO TO RESERVE A DATE, YOU TRY AND RESERVE THAT
25 DATE. AND IF YOU CAN'T AND YOU HAVE TO RESERVE
26 DIFFERENT DATES, THEN YOU CAN ALWAYS GIVE ME A
27 STIPULATION AND ORDER TO MOVE THE CASE MANAGEMENT
28 CONFERENCE OVER TO ONE OF THOSE DATES. BUT I DON'T

1 THINK IT WILL ALLOW YOU TO -- I MEAN, DO WE -- IS IT
2 NECESSARY TO HAVE THE -- THERE'S ONE DEMURRER, DID YOU
3 SAY, OR THERE'S MULTIPLE DEMURRERS?

4 MR. MANGELS: THERE'S MULTIPLE DEMURRERS.

5 MR. FORMAN: THERE WILL BE MULTIPLE DEMURRERS
6 BECAUSE DIFFERENT DEFENDANTS ARE BEING --

7 THE COURT: THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE AN ARBITRATION
8 AGREEMENT?

9 MR. BRETTLER: IN THIS CASE OF MY CLIENT, YES.

10 MR. MANGELS: IN OUR CASE, THERE'S ONE THAT
11 DOES NOT HAVE AN ARBITRATION. THERE WILL BE DIFFERENT
12 DEFENDANTS BRINGING IT, BUT YES, ONE FOR THAT PLAINTIFF.

13 THE COURT: OH, I SEE.

14 MR. BRETTLER: BUT MY CLIENT DOESN'T HAVE THIS
15 ARBITRATION AGREEMENT, SO WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH THE
16 DEMURRER.

17 THE COURT: OKAY. SO CURRENTLY WE HAVE THE
18 DEMURRER HEARINGS SET BEFORE THE MOTION TO COMPEL.

19 MR. BRETTLER: WE DON'T HAVE ANY HEARING DATE
20 SET FOR EITHER OF THE MOTIONS -- FOR ANY OF THE MOTIONS
21 YET.

22 THE COURT: WELL, WE DID.

23 MR. BRETTLER: CORRECT.

24 MR. RIFFER: FOR THE ORIGINAL COMPLAINT, NOT
25 THE FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT.

26 THE COURT: RIGHT. AND SO I'M JUST WONDERING,
27 IS IT BETTER TO -- FOR YOU TO RESERVE EARLIER DATES FOR
28 THE DEMURRERS THAN THE MOTIONS TO COMPEL ARBITRATION

1 THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE BEEN SET.

2 MR. BRETTLER: I ACTUALLY THINK IT'S PROBABLY
3 PROPER FOR THE COURT TO RULE ON THE MOTIONS TO COMPEL
4 FIRST. BUT IT'S NOT MY MOTION.

5 MR. FORMAN: I THINK THERE'S AN ARGUMENT THAT
6 WE'D LIKE TO HEAR. AT LEAST OUR DEMURRER TO BE HEARD IN
7 ADVANCE OF THE MOTIONS TO COMPEL ARBITRATION.

8 THE COURT: OKAY. WELL, THEN LET'S GO OUT
9 ABOUT MAYBE 90 DAYS.

10 MR. MANGELS: FOR THE CMC?

11 THE COURT: FOR THE CMC.

12 THE CLERK: JUNE 9TH.

13 MR. RIFFER: IT'S PROBABLY GOING TO GET
14 CANCELLED, BUT COULD WE DO IT ABOUT TEN DAYS AFTER THAT.
15 I'M SUPPOSED TO BE OUT OF TOWN WITH INTERNATIONAL
16 TRAVEL. I DON'T THINK THAT WE'RE GOING IN LIGHT OF
17 READING THE NEWSPAPER EVERY MORNING. WOULD YOU MIND IF
18 IT WAS ON JUNE 19TH?

19 THE CLERK: JUNE 19TH IS GOOD.

20 THE COURT: IS GOOD.

21 THE CLERK: YES.

22 MR. RIFFER: I APPRECIATE IT EVEN THOUGH, AS I
23 SAID, BY READING THE NEWSPAPER, I'LL PROBABLY BE HERE.
24 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25 THE COURT: WHO KNOWS. SO JUNE 19TH AT 8:30.
26 NOT SURE IF THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE THAT I WANTED TO -- I
27 THINK THAT'S ABOUT IT.

28 MR. THOMPSON: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

1 MR. RIFFER: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

2 MR. FORMAN: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

3 THE COURT: NOTICE -- DOES ANYONE WANT TO GIVE
4 NOTICE?

5 MR. BRETTLER: NOTICE IS WAIVED FOR MY CLIENT.

6 MR. MANGELS: MINE TOO.

7 MR. THOMPSON: WE'LL NOTICE, YOUR HONOR. AND
8 WE'LL HAVE THE SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATIONS FILED ON
9 MONDAY.

10 THE COURT: WHAT ABOUT THE PRO HOC MOTIONS,
11 THOUGH? ARE WE -- DO WE NEED TO SET ANOTHER HEARING FOR
12 THOSE?

13 MR. MANGELS: I THINK THEY HAVE TO FILE THEM
14 WITH THE HEARING DATE.

15 THE COURT: WELL, THEY'RE GOING TO DO
16 SUPPLEMENTAL PAPERS. SO I THINK WE NEED ANOTHER HEARING
17 DATE FOR THAT; RIGHT? SO WE'LL SET THEM IN ABOUT 30
18 DAYS.

19 MR. MANGELS: YES.

20 MR. FORMAN: YES, YOUR HONOR.

21 THE COURT: WE DO NEED ANOTHER HEARING DATE.

22 THE CLERK: APRIL 10TH.

23 THE COURT: APRIL 10TH AT 8:30?

24 MR. THOMPSON: YOUR HONOR, IT'S MY KID'S SPRING
25 BREAK. I'LL BE OUT OF TOWN THAT WEEK.

26 THE COURT: OKAY.

27 MR. THOMPSON: THE FOLLOWING WEEK?

28 THE COURT: APRIL 17TH.

1 MR. THOMPSON: I'M SORRY TO BE DIFFICULT, YOUR
2 HONOR. BUT I HAVE A SUMMARY JUDGMENT HEARING IN SAN
3 MATEO THAT DAY.

4 THE COURT: OKAY.

5 THE CLERK: APRIL 22ND.

6 MR. THOMPSON: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

7 THE COURT: APRIL 22ND AT 8:30?

8 MR. FORMAN: YES, YOUR HONOR. THANK YOU.

9 THE COURT: YOU'RE WELCOME. OKAY.

10 MR. RIFFER: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

11 THE COURT: YOU'RE WELCOME.

12 MR. BERRY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

13 MR. MANGELS: THANK YOU.

14 MR. THOMPSON: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. HAVE A
15 NICE DAY.

16 THE COURT: YOU TOO.

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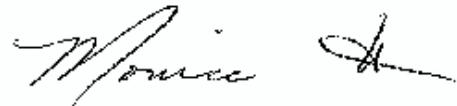
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14 INTERNATIONAL; RELIGIOUS TECHNOLOGY)
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12 BIXLER-ZAVALA; JANE DOE #1; MARIE
12 BOBETTE RIALES; and JANE DOE #2,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY
16 INTERNATIONAL; RELIGIOUS
16 TECHNOLOGY CENTER; CHURCH OF
17 SCIENTOLOGY CELEBRITY CENTRE
17 INTERNATIONAL; DAVID MISCAVIGE;
18 DANIEL MASTERSON; and DOES 1-25,

19 Defendants.

20 CASE NO. 19STCV29458
20 *Assigned to Hon. Steven J. Kleifield,
21 Dept. 57*

22 **DECLARATION OF LEWIS MIRANDA
23 IN SUPPORT OF SPECIALLY-
23 APPEARING DEFENDANTS CHURCH
24 OF SCIENTOLOGY INTERNATIONAL
24 AND CELEBRITY CENTRE
24 INTERNATIONAL'S MOTION TO
24 QUASH**

25 *[Filed Concurrently with Motion to Quash,
26 Request for Judicial Notice, Declarations of
26 Lynn R. Farny, William Forman, and
26 Margaret Marmolejo, and [Proposed] Order]*

27 Date: Feb. 4, 2020
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27 Dept.: 57

28 **RESERVATION NO. 301997851335**

DECLARATION OF LEWIS MIRANDA

I, Lewis Miranda, declare as follows:

1) I am a receptionist for the building located at 6331 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90028 ("6331 Hollywood Boulevard"). I have held this position for 23 years. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein, except as to those stated on information and belief and, as to those, I am informed and believe them to be true. If called as a witness, I could and would competently testify to the matters stated herein.

2) On October 10, 2019, a man (the "Man") entered 6331 Hollywood Boulevard and approached the reception desk while I was stationed at the reception desk. He did not provide his name. The Man told me that he had papers to serve on the Church of Scientology International. In response, I informed the Man that I was not authorized to receive any legal documents. I told him that such papers do not come to 6331 Hollywood Boulevard, but must go to the registered agent for service of process. The Man asked for the address of the registered agent for service of process. I told him to check on the Secretary of State website and that the legal office that directed him to serve the papers could look up that information. The Man insisted that he had to deliver the papers at 6331 Hollywood Boulevard. He then placed several documents on the security desk in front of me and left the building.

3) The papers were not in envelopes. They were arranged in five bundles, separately stapled together. Attached as Exhibits A-E are copies of the papers that the Man left at 6331 Hollywood Boulevard on October 10, 2019.

4) During the conversation on October 10, 2019, the Man never mentioned Church of Scientology Celebrity Centre International or Religious Technology Center or indicated that he was delivering anything for Church of Scientology Celebrity Centre International or Religious Technology Center.

5) During the conversation on October 10, 2019, the Man never mentioned David Miscavige or Daniel Masterson or indicated that he was delivering anything for Mr. Miscavige or Mr. Masterson.

1 6) I was stationed at the front desk of 6331 Hollywood Boulevard during business
2 hours on October 7, 10, 15, and 17, 2019 beginning at 8:30 a.m. I was relieved at noon for a half
3 an hour for lunch on each of those days. The Man did not enter 6331 Hollywood Boulevard on
4 October 7, 15, or 17, 2019 while I was on duty, and he did not enter 6331 Hollywood Boulevard
5 more than once on October 10, 2019 while I was on duty. I did not have a conversation with him
6 on October 7, 2019.

7 7) The Man did not deliver any papers to 6331 Hollywood Boulevard on October 17,
8 2019 while I was on duty and did not deliver any papers to 6331 Hollywood Boulevard during the
9 month of October 2019 directed to Mr. Miscavige or Mr. Masterson while I was on duty.

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11 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
12 foregoing is true and correct.

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14 Executed on 18 of November, 2019 at Los Angeles, California.

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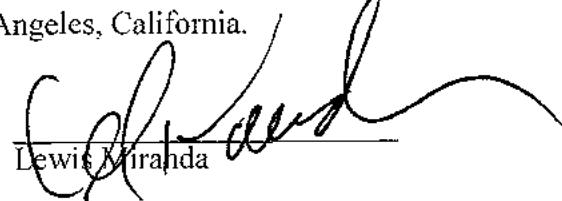
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

At the time of service, I was over 18 years of age and not a party to this action. I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. My business address is 1900 Avenue of the Stars, 7th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90067-4308.

On September 22, 2020, I served true copies of the following document(s) described as
**OPPOSITION OF DEFENDANT RELIGIOUS TECHNOLOGY CENTER TO MOTION
TO SERVE BY PUBLICATION; DECLARATION OF MATTHEW D. HINKS** as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

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